2013 Public Budget Forum* On-line Survey Results

Citizens' Survey Question: How Would You Allocate Funds by Government Category?

		FY 2014	
12 Respondents	Survey %	Budget %	Diff.
Human Services	31.00%	41.00%	-10.00%
Education (K-12)	14.90%	32.05%	-17.15%
General Gov.	8.90%	2.60%	6.30%
Commerce & Comm Dev.	7.80%	1.48%	6.32%
Protection	7.80%	5.49%	2.31%
Higher Ed	7.30%	1.63%	5.67%
Transportation	7.00%	11.61%	-4.61%
Natural Resources	5.60%	1.72%	3.88%
Labor	4.90%	0.56%	4.34%
Debt Service	4.80%	1.43%	3.37%
Other	0.00%	0.43%	-0.43%
Total Allocated	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%

Citizens' Survey Question: Which Areas Would You Reduce or Maintain Current Spending on?

13 Respondents	Reduce	Protect
Heath Care	22.20%	77.78%
Children/Family Services	11.11%	88.89%
Higher Ed	18.18%	81.82%
Unemployment	22.22%	77.78%
Public Health	27.27%	72.73%
Transportation	27.27%	72.73%
Housing	27.27%	72.73%
Water/Sewer/Waste	41.67%	58.33%
Economic Dev.	41.67%	58.33%
Education (K-12)	46.15%	53.85%
Public Safety	50.00%	50.00%
Parks/Recreation	54.55%	45.45%
Environmental Protection	54.55%	45.45%
Average	34.16%	65.84%

Citizens' Survey Question: Which Revenue/Taxes Should be Reduced, Increased or Remain the Same?

12 Respondents	Reduce	Increase	Same	
Personal Income Tax	50.00%	10.00%	40.00%	
Sales & Use Tax	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%	
Corporate Tax	63.60%	27.30%	9.10%	
Meals & Rooms Tax	63.60%	0.00%	36.40%	
Liquor & Wine	75.00%	0.00%	25.00%	
Insurance	11.10%	55.60%	33.30%	
Telephone Gross Receipts	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%	
Telephone Property	44.40%	11.10%	44.40%	
Beverage	58.30%	0.00%	41.70%	
Electric Generating	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	
Inheritance/Estate	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%	
Real Property Transfer	50.00%	20.00%	30.00%	
Bank Franchise	90.00%	10.00%	0.00%	
Gasoline	36.40%	45.50%	18.20%	
Diesel Fuel	36.40%	45.50%	18.20%	
Motor Vehicle P&U	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	
Average	45.55%	22.50%	31.96%	
Comments: 1) Add a Sprawl Tax; and 2) Reduce Property Taxes.				

Citizens' Survey Question: Which Government Services Are Most Important to You?

Average Ranking in Order of		
Importance by 14 Respon	ndents	
Children/Family Services	10.4	
Housing	8.9	
Economic Development	8.6	
K-12 Education	8.2	
Higher Education	7.9	
Public Health	7.4	
Environmental Protection	7.1	
Transportation	6.8	
Public Safety	6.5	
Unemployment Support	6.1	
Other	5.0	
Parks/Recreation	4.9	
Water/Sewer/Solid Waste	3.3	

^{*}Public Budget Forum Dates: 1) October 23, 2013; and 2) November 5, 2013.